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COTTONSEED REVIEW - SOUTHWESTERN AREA

The movement of cottonseed to crushing mills has been small in volume. Ginning was just getting under way in most sections and, too, reports indicate a tendency among farmers to hold seed for higher prices. General rains this week will retard movement for several days. Cotton was opening prematurely and the rains are expected to slow up the opening of cotton in addition to keeping pickers out of the fields.

The indicated supply of cottonseed for the current season is approximately 3,900,000 tons. This is slightly larger than the 1945-46 supply of about 3,850,000 tons. Stocks of cottonseed in oil mills at the beginning of the season totaled about 118,000 tons as compared with 219,000 on August 1, 1945. It is too early to obtain a definite estimate of cottonseed production in 1946-47 but if the ratio of lint to cottonseed should be the same as the average for the past 5 years, production would be 3,781,000 tons. This is based on the Crop Reporting Board's forecast of the cotton crop as of August 1, 1946. Cottonseed production in 1945-46 was 3,634,000 tons and the 10-year average was 5,240,000 tons.

Prices being paid by gins for cottonseed vary considerably but \$65 per ton was the most common price reported. In Districts of Texas the price range was about as follows: District 4, \$60 to \$80 per ton; District 5, \$60 to \$67; District 8, \$60 to \$77; District 9, \$60 to \$67; District 10, \$60 to \$77 per ton. In some areas where ginning was just starting ginners were advancing producers \$60 per ton on seed until a definite price could be established. Prices received by farmers for cottonseed as of August 15 was \$59.10 per ton. This is considerably higher than the average of \$52.50 received in mid-August a year ago. Farm prices for cottonseed in 1945-46 averaged \$51.10 per ton against \$52.70 in the preceding season.

The grade of new crop seed originating in the Rio Grande Valley averaged well over 100 but in other counties of District 10 grades were generally below 100 due to a low oil content. The average grade for District 8 was 91 and here again low oil content tended to lower grades. New crop seed have been very good from a quality standpoint as few deductions were made due to excess moisture, foreign matter or free fatty acid.

The sampling and grading of cottonseed is under the supervision of the Production and Marketing Administration. From reports received during the period July 29, 1946, to August 30, 1946, the following data are given relative to grades and prices of cottonseed in the counties named:

: U. S. Standard : Prices per :				: U. S. Standard : Prices per					
District and	Grados			ton paid	District and	Grados			ton paid
County	: Low	: High:	Avg.:	by gins	County	: Low	: High:	Avg.:	by gins
	:Grade:	Grade:	Grade:	Dollars		:Grade:	Grade:	Grade:	Dollars
T E X A S									
<u>District 2</u>					<u>District 8 (cont.)</u>				
Mitchell	:103.0	104.0	103.5*	-	Goliad	:			65-68
					Karnes	: 63.0	95.5	86.5	*65
<u>District 4</u>					Lavaca	:			65
Collin	: 97.0	105.0	100.0	60-65	Nueces	:			77
Dallas	: 94.0	105.0	100.0	*60-65	San Patricio	: 85.0	106.0	97.5	77
Ellis	: 88.0	105.5	99.5	68-70	Washington	: 97.0	102.0	99.5*	65
Fannin	: 96.5	101.0	98.5	65-70	Wilson	: 86.5	91.5	89.0	*65
Hunt	: 95.0	103.5	99.5	*65	Average District 8		91.0		66.80
Johnson	:			65-68	<u>District 9</u>				
Kaufman	: 96.5	103.0	99.5	-	Fort Bend	:			60-65
McLennan	: 91.5	100.5	96.0*	*60	Victoria	:			65-67
Navarro	: 98.0	100.0	99.0*	64-67	Wharton	:			60-65
Rockwall	: 99.0	100.0	99.5*	-	Average District 9				64.20
Williamson	:			65-70	<u>District 10</u>				
Average District 4		99.5		66.00	Atascosa	: 83.5	92.0	88.5	*65
<u>District 5</u>					Cameron	: 99.5	107.5	105.0	-
Brazos	:			65	Hidalgo	: 99.5	108.0	104.5	*60
Grimes	:			65	Jin Wells	: 95.5	101.0	99.0	*77
Van Zandt	:			60	Llano	: 85.0	94.5	89.0	*65
Average District 5				63.40	Maverick	:103.5	109.0	107.0	-
<u>District 8</u>					Willacy	: 98.0	108.0	104.0	*60
Bastrop	:			60-65	Average District 10		103.0		63.90
Bee	: 91.0	98.5	93.0	-					
Caldwell	:			65					
Fayette	:			65	STATE AVERAGE	:	100.5		64.60

\*Based on only one or two reports so may not be representative.

Note: Counties for which insufficient reports were received are not listed.

